Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know from the member whether representations from the public and the members of the Legislative Council and Assembly have not been repeatedly made that this is an urgent work and that unless it is done immediately no useful purpose will be served by that?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The member must understand that the Irrigation Division was formed purposely for this sort of work and estimates are being prepared by the Irrigation Division and they will be submitted in due course.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know when the eastern side of the channel was opened and the cost of it?

Mr G. B. E. Truscott: I claim notice.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know whether the Government or the Chief Engineer have enquired into the complaints by the people that the western side would be useless for cultivation for want of a channel?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I am afraid that that supplementary question has nothing to do with the question on the paper.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether any provision is being made in the departmental budget for that purpose for the next year?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: If you refer to the Financial Secretary's budget speech you will find that Rs. 5 lakhs have been provided to form an Irrigation Reserve Fund.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether any provision has been made for this particular work?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: No.

Irrigation works in certain pakuthies of Nedumangad taluk.

21. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount sanctioned; and

(*b*) the amount spent on irrigation works in the pakuthies of Perumkulam, Veeranakavu, Ozhamalakal, Kulattummel, Vellanad and Mannurkara of Nedumangad during each of the years 1107, 1108 and 1109 (up to 19-11-1109)?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) The amounts sanctioned for the works in the Kulattummel pakuthi where alone irrigation work was carried out in the years are:—

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[Mr. G. B. E. Truscott.]

		Rs.	Chs.	C.
1107	...	1,580	0	0
1108	...	200	0	0
1109	...	100	0	0

(*b*) The amounts spent are :—

1107	...	639	0	0
1108	...	391	0	0
1109	...	8	0	0

Widening of the Vavanjalikulam Road in Trivandrum.

22. *Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has received an estimate for the widening of the Vavanjalikulam Road (road running from the southern gate of the Huzur Secretariat to the Railway Station Road) in Trivandrum town ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part(*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken on the matter ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The estimate has been sanctioned.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know when the work will be undertaken ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : When funds are available.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know when the Chief Engineer expects funds for the purpose ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : That is not a question that should be asked of me.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether this work would be taken up next year or a few years hence ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : That is a hypothetical question.

(The President called Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai to put his question).

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : In view of the statement made by the Financial Secretary in his budget speech at page 11 to the effect that the post of Vice-Principal of the Training College has been abolished once for all, I do not propose to put my question† on that subject.

Appointment of a Vice Principal for the Training College.

†MR M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any recommendation from the Director of Public Instruction for the appointment of a Vice-Principal for the Training College ; whether there was not a Vice-Principal before ; when the place was abolished and why ; and what are the new grounds on which the present recommendation is made ?

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